

My largest concern is that not all broadcasters are using the V-Chip technology. We currently use the v-chip setup for our family television, however it is only effective for those programs or stations that rate their programs. For example in the Marlborough, MA area we have several foreign language stations. Due to cultural differences and or standards, some of the programming, in my opinion, should be rated. If it was the v-chip would take care of the viewing concerns. However, since the programming, although in a foreign language, is not rated and at times can be visually risqué and harmful to children who happen to "channel surf" past the station.

Rating of all programs and periodic review by sampling the programming and assigned rating must be required. Ratings by the program provider must be validated to insure consistency.

Regards,

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